

# Tutorons

Generating Context-Relevant, On-Demand  
Explanations and Demonstrations of Online Code

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unix command to fetch all tarball files from website

Google Search

I'm Feeling Lucky

## Automatically download music

This last technique, suggested by [Jeff Veen](#), is by far my favorite use of Wget. These days there are tons of directories, aggregators, filters and weblogs that point off to interesting types of media. Using Wget, you can create a text file list of your favorite sites that say, link to MP3 files, and schedule it to automatically download any newly-added MP3's from those sites each day or week.

First, create a text file called `mp3_sites.txt`, and list URLs of your favorite sources of music online one per line (like <http://del.icio.us/tag/system:fil...> or [stereogum.com](http://stereogum.com)). Be sure to check out my previous feature on [how to find free music on the web](#) for more ideas.

Then use the following Wget command to go out and fetch those MP3's:

```
wget -r -l1 -H -t1 -nd -N -np -A.mp3 -erobots=off -i mp3_sites.txt
```

That Wget recipe recursively downloads only MP3 files linked from the sites listed in `mp3_sites.txt` that are newer than any you've already downloaded. There are a few other specifications in there - like to not create a new directory for every music file, to ignore robots.txt and to not crawl up to the parent directory of a link. Jeff breaks it all down in his [original post](#).

The great thing about this technique is that once this command is scheduled, you get an ever-rotating jukebox of new music Wget fetches for you while you sleep. With a good set of trusted sources, you'll never have to go looking for new music again - Wget will do all the work for you.

## Install Wget

Wanna give all this a try? Windows users, you can [download Wget here](#); Mac users, [go here](#). An alternative for Windows users interested in more Linuxy goodness is to download and install the Unix emulator [Cygwin](#) which includes Wget and a whole slew of other 'nixy utilities, too.

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# GNU Wget 1.16.2 Manual

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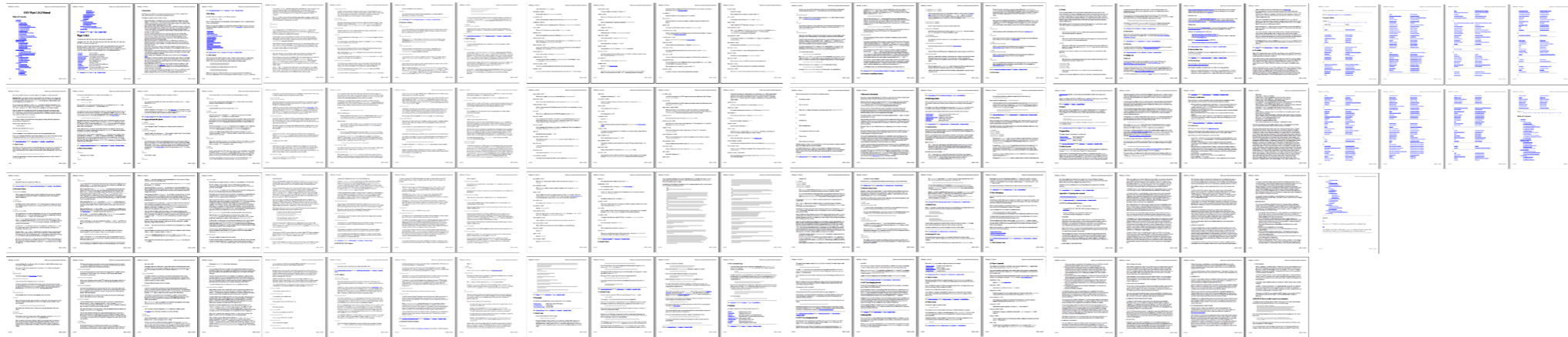
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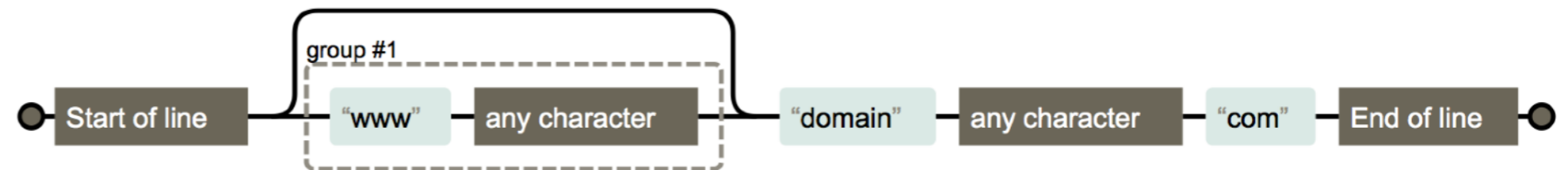
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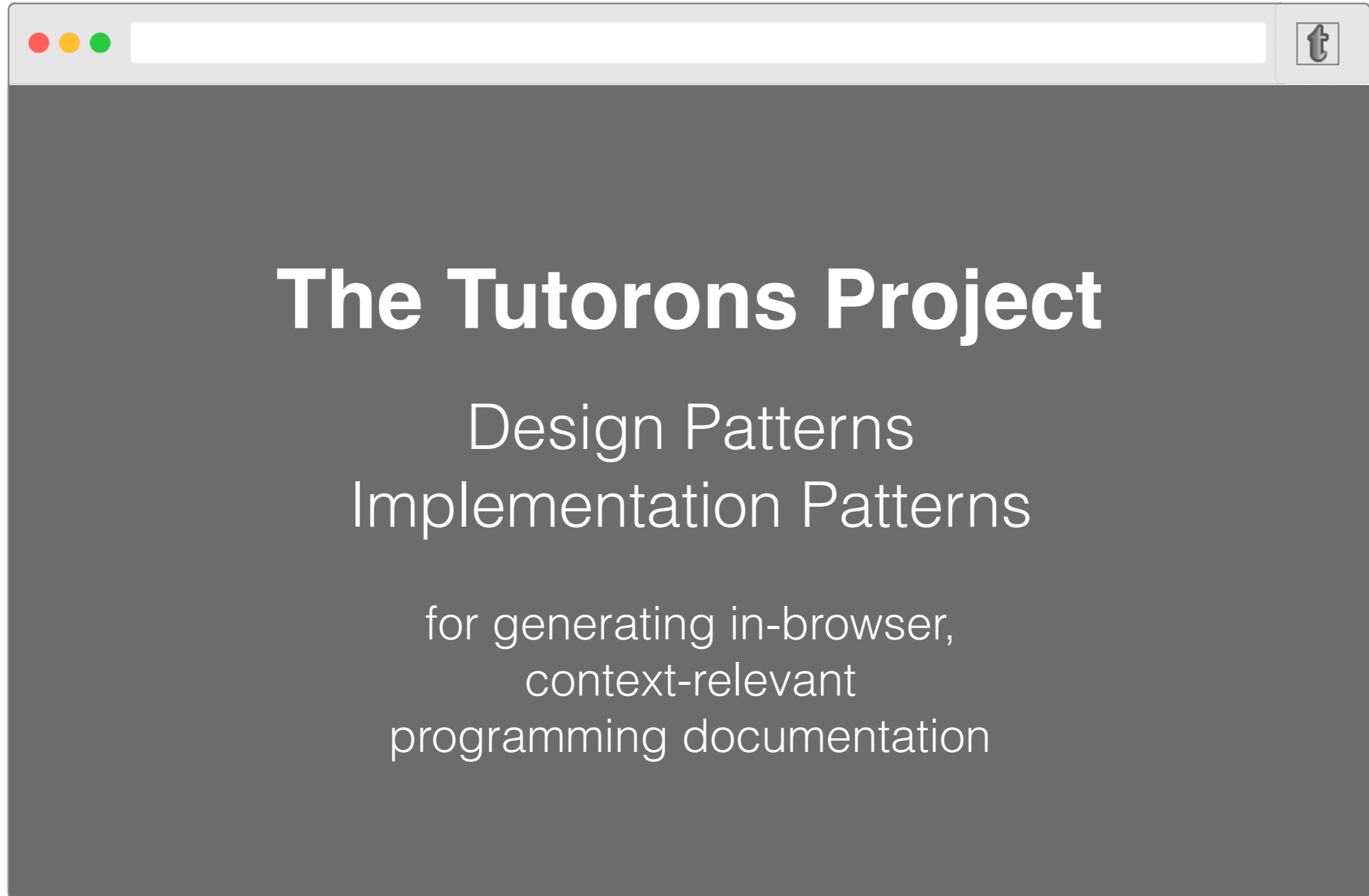
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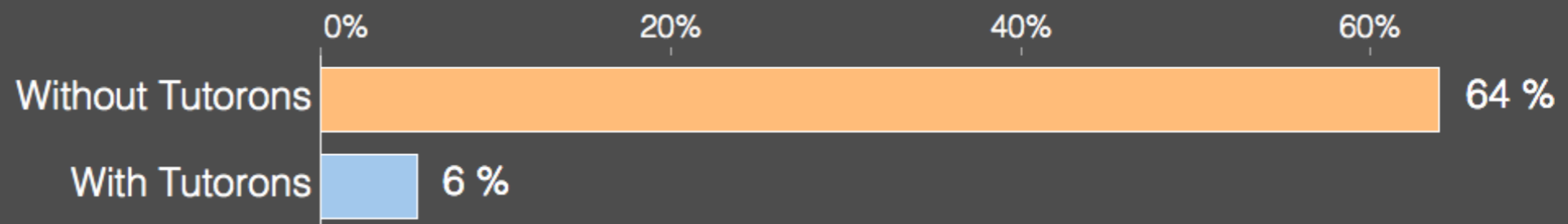
# The Tutorons Project

Design Patterns  
Implementation Patterns

for generating in-browser,  
context-relevant  
programming documentation



Percentage of tasks where participants accessed external documentation (n = 9)



Language	N	Precision	Recall
wget Unix command	203	95%	64%
CSS selectors	466	80%	41%
Regular expressions	445	70%	14%

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- ▶ Interacting with Tutorons
- ▶ Developing Tutorons

Over a two-hour programming session, participants spent an average **19%** of their programming time on the web.

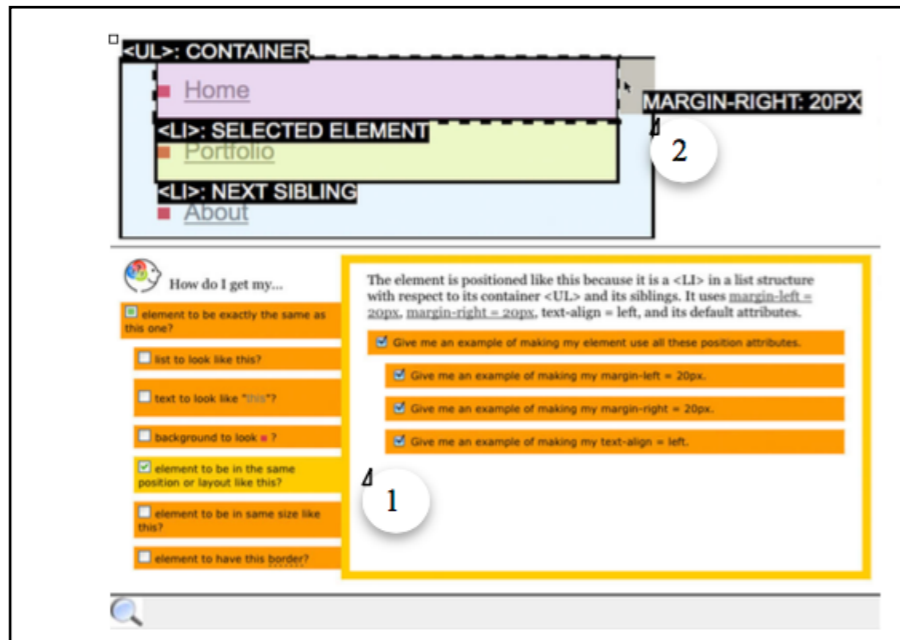
(Brandt et al. 2009)

Programmers frequently ask questions like "What is the functionality of a given API type?"

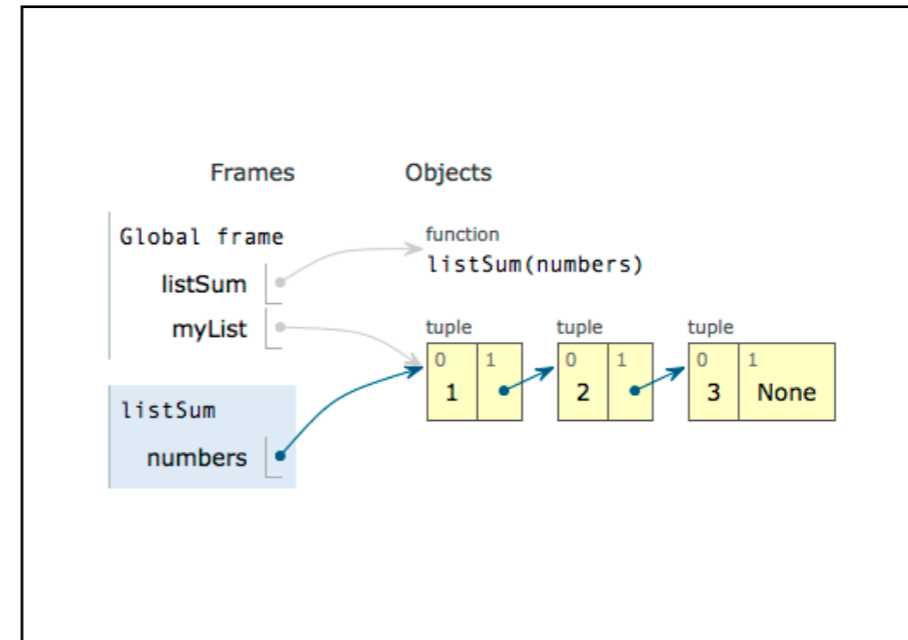
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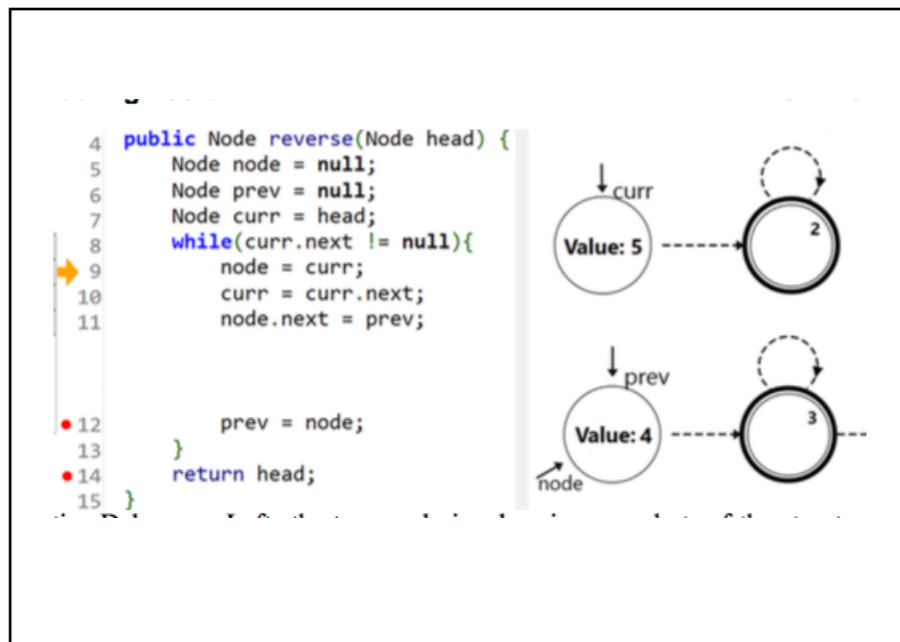
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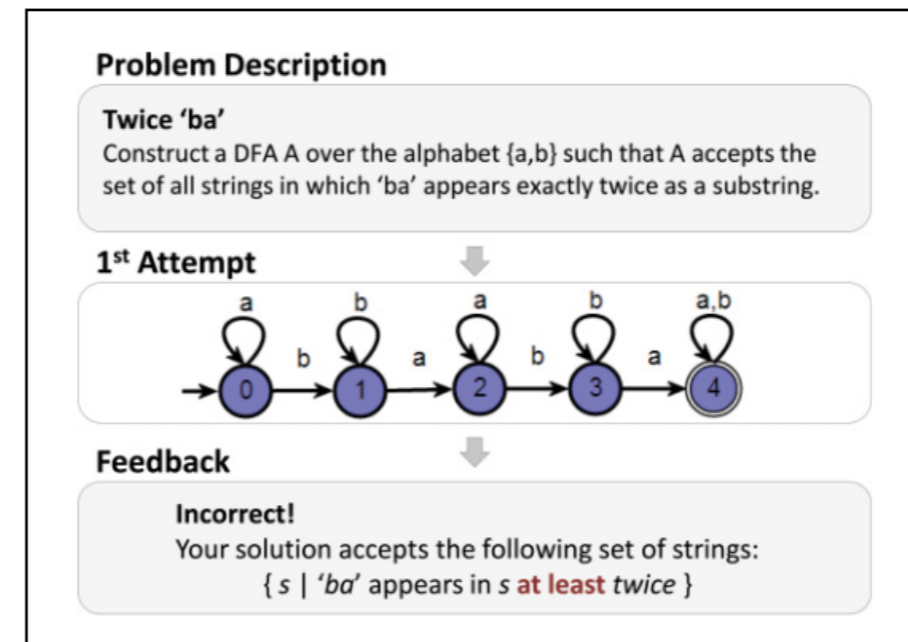
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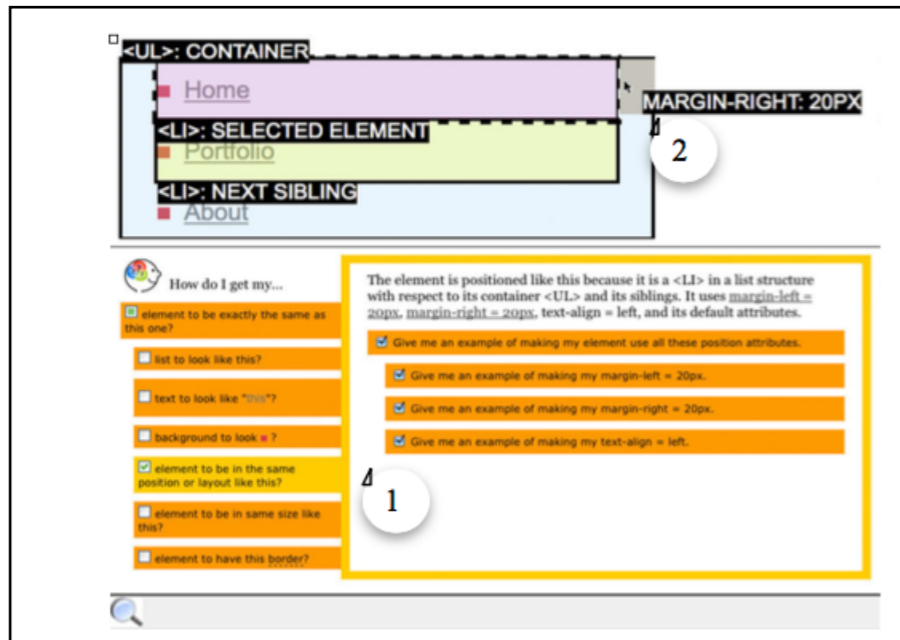


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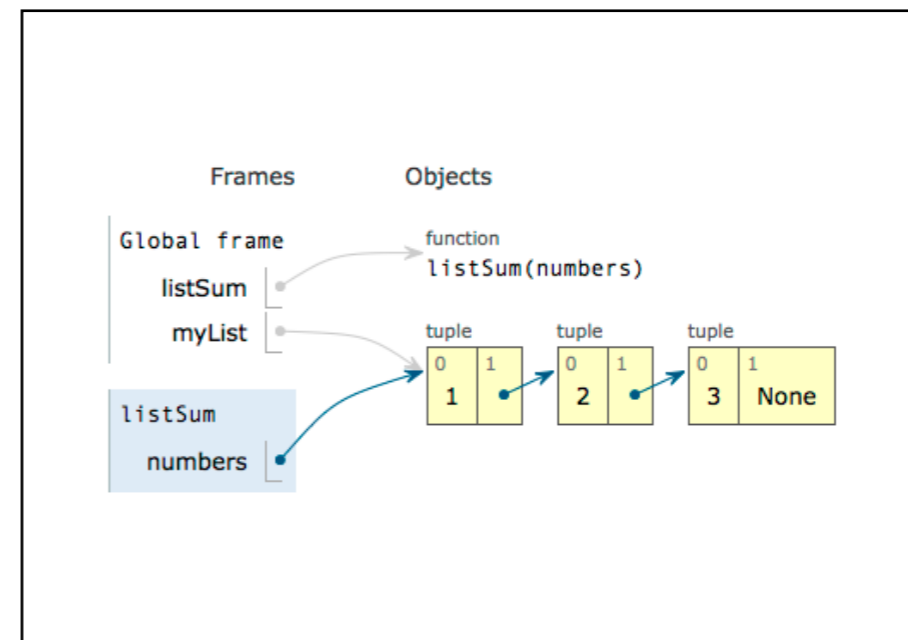


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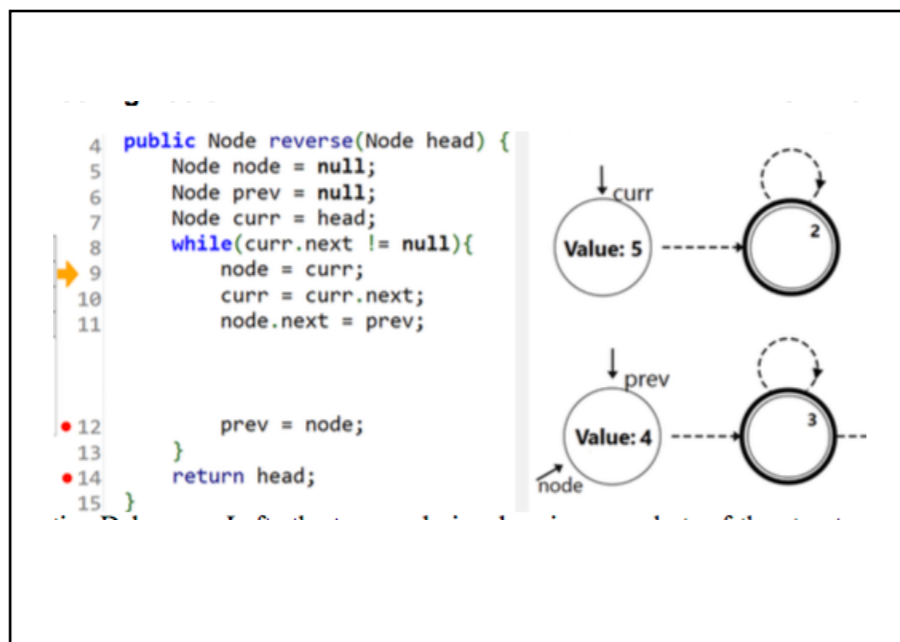
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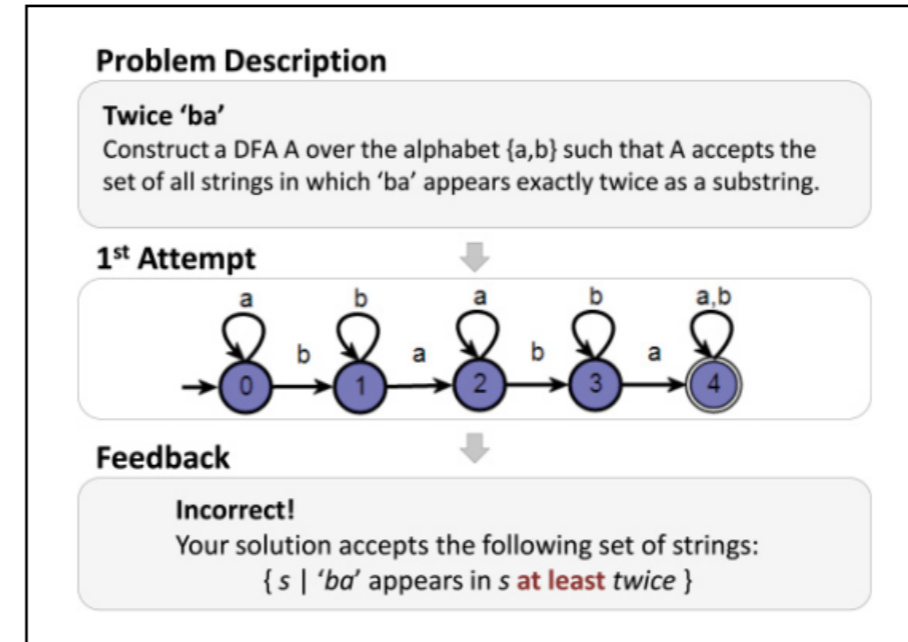
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# Explaining Code

```
fileName = showFileDialog(...);  
"show file dialog and get file name"
```

Java methods (Sridhara et al. 2010)

```
onlineBox.add(f);  
onlineBox.add(s);  
onlineBox.add(t);  
"add given components to online box"
```

Action sequences (Sridhara et al. 2011)

# Explaining Code

- ▶ Class diagrams (Burden & Heldal 2011)
- ▶ Parameters (Sridhara et al. 2011)
- ▶ Classes (Moreno et al. 2013)
- ▶ Unit test cases (Kamimura et al. 2014)
- ▶ Method context (McBurney & McMillan 2014)

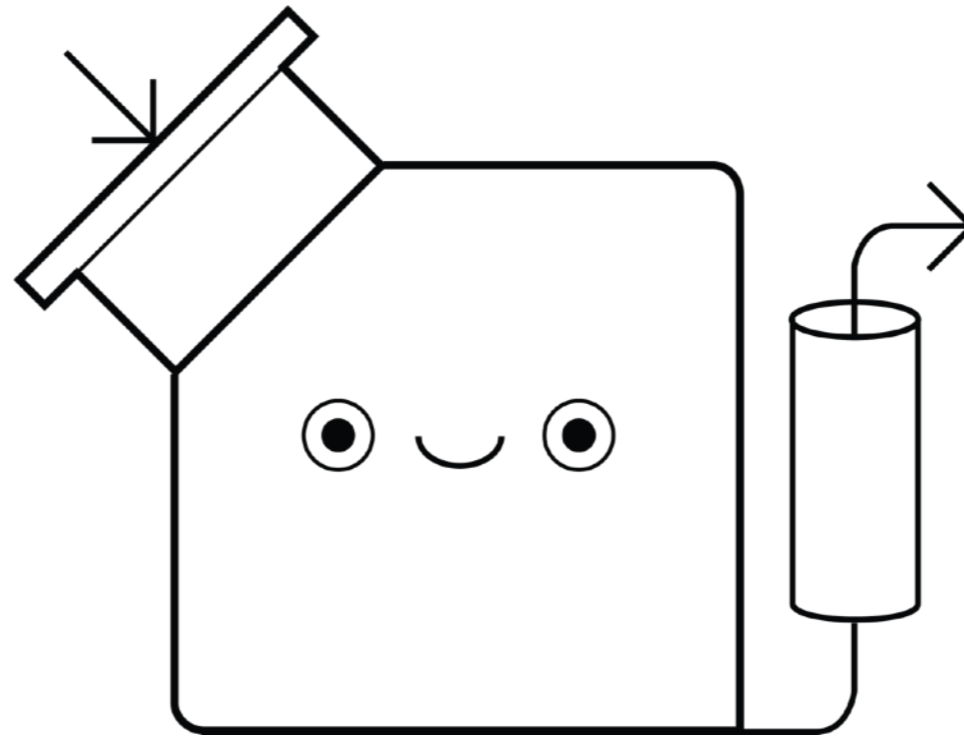
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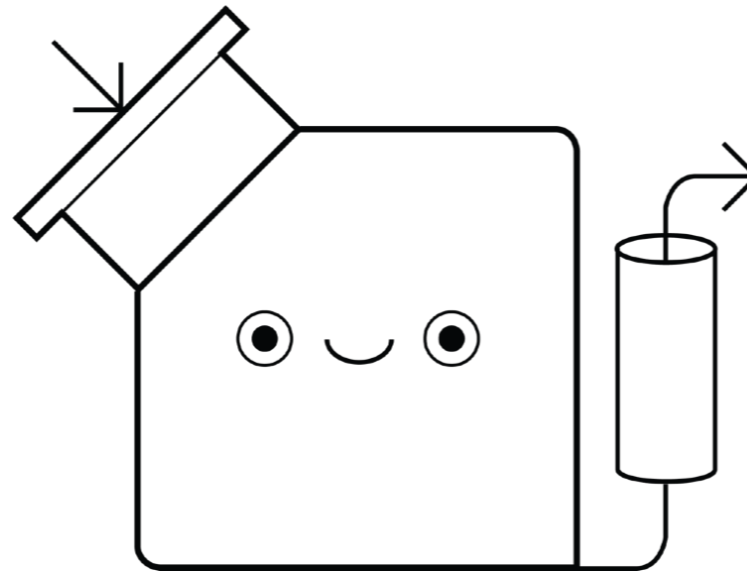
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**Tutoron.** a routine on a web server with language-specific rules for detecting, parsing and explaining source code written on a web page.





## Detect

## Parse

## Explain

Use m suffix for megabytes (`--limit-rate=1m`). The above command will limit the retrieval rate to 50KB/s. It is also possible to specify disk quota for automatic retrievals to avoid disk DoS attack. The following command will be aborted when the quota is (100MB+) exceeded.

```
$ wget -cb -o /tmp/download.log -i /tmp/download.txt --quota=100m
```

From the `wget` man page:

Please note that `Wget` implements the limiting by sleeping the appropriate amount of time after a network read that took less time than specified by the rate. Eventually this strategy causes the TCP transfer to slow down to approximately the specified rate. However, it may take some time for this balance to be achieved, so don't be surprised if limiting the rate doesn't work well with very small files.

Use `wget` With the Password Protected Sites

You can supply the `http` username/password on server as follows:

```
$ wget --http-user=vivek --http-password=Secrete http://cyberciti.biz/vivek/csits.tar.gz
```

Another way to specify username and password is in the URL itself.

```
$ wget 'http://username:password@cyberciti.biz/file.tar.gz'
```

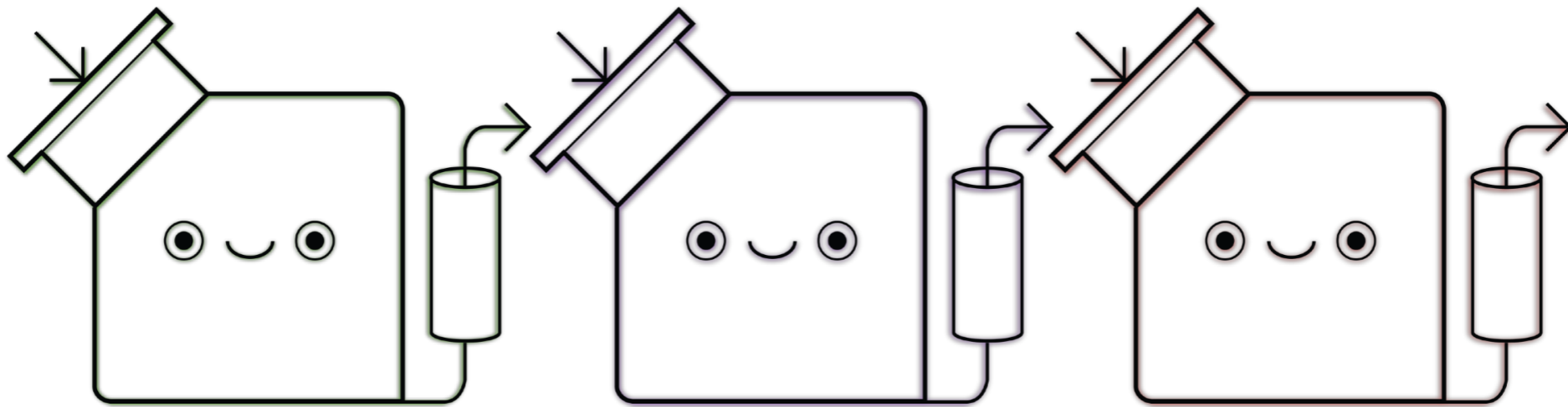
Option	Value
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b	(null)
o	/tmp/download.log
i	/tmp/download.txt
quota	100m

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It uses these options:

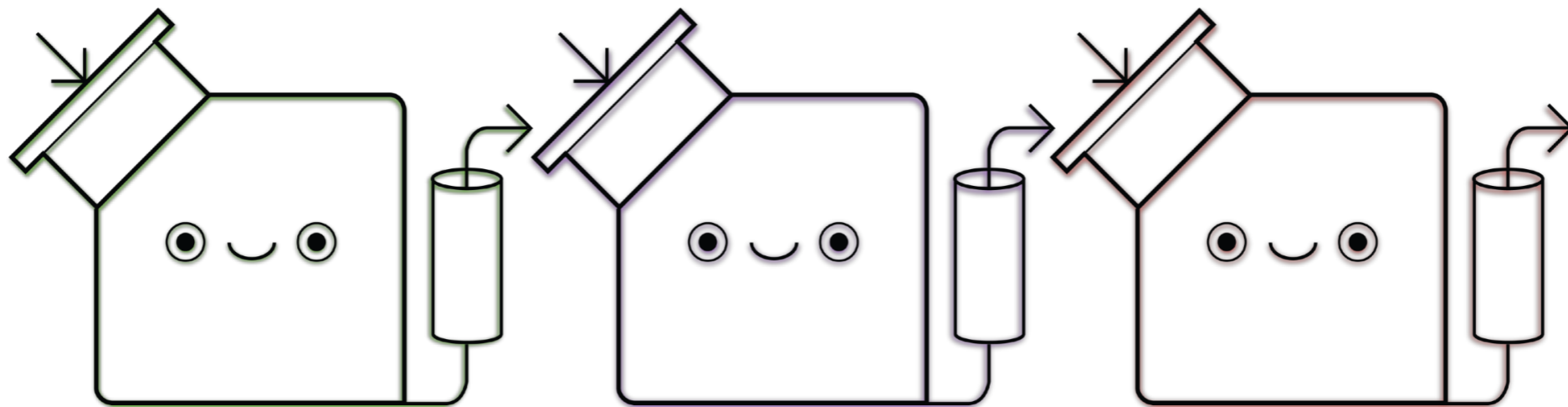
- `--continue (-c)`: resume getting a partially-downloaded file.
- `--background (-b)`: go to background after startup.
- `--output-file (-o)`: log messages to `/tmp/download.log`.
- `--input-file (-i)`: download URLs found in local or external `/tmp/download.txt`.
- `--quota (-Q)`: set retrieval quota to 100m.



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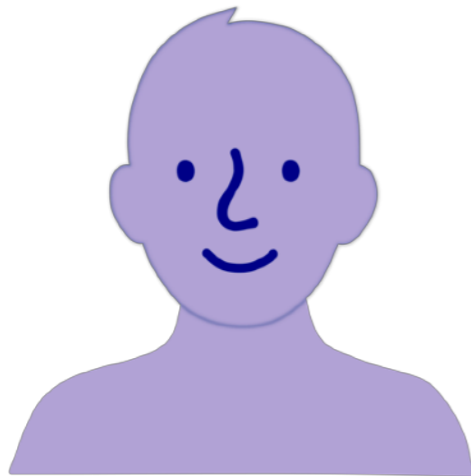
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And perhaps in the future:  
LaTeX, Apache configs, SQL, etc.

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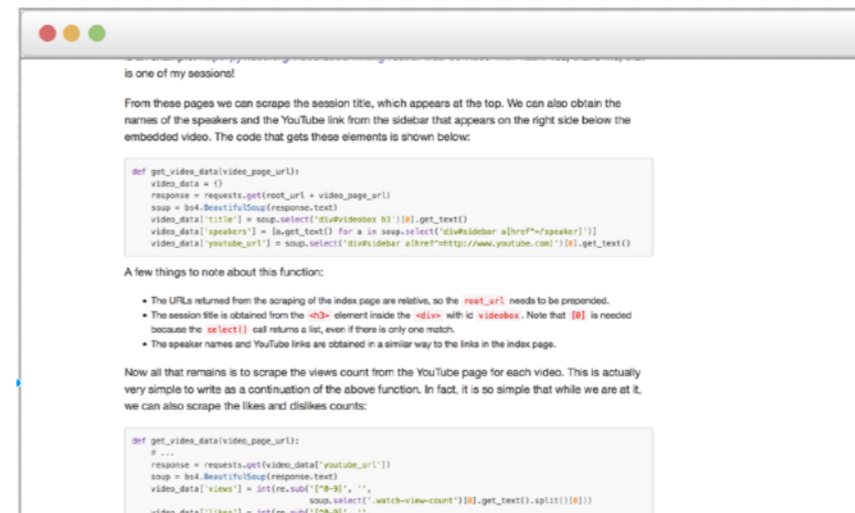


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It uses these options:

- `--random-wait`: wait from `0.5*WAIT...1.5*WAIT` secs between retrievals.
- `--recursive (-r)`: specify recursive download.
- `--page-requisites (-p)`: get all images, etc. needed to display HTML page.
- `--no-directories (-nd)`: don't create directories.
- `--execute (-e)`: execute a `.wgetrc`-style command (`COMMAND=robots=off`).
- `--accept (-A)`: `".pdf"` is a comma-separated list of accepted extensions.
- `--user-agent (-U)`: identify as mozilla instead of `Wget/VERSION`.

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## Context-Relevant Descriptions of Code's High-Level Intent

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## Argument-by-Argument Description of Low-Level Syntax

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1 $(function() {  
2   $( ".content_container_7 button" ).button({  
3     ...
```

### You found a CSS selector.

The selector `'.content_container_7 button'` chooses buttons from elements of class `'content_container_7'`.

*If you haven't seen them before*, selectors pick sections of HTML pages by their names or properties. Once you've 'grabbed' elements with a selector, you can manipulate them, like changing their appearance or text.

Here's an example of what this selector will find:

```
<div class="content_container_7">  
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</div>
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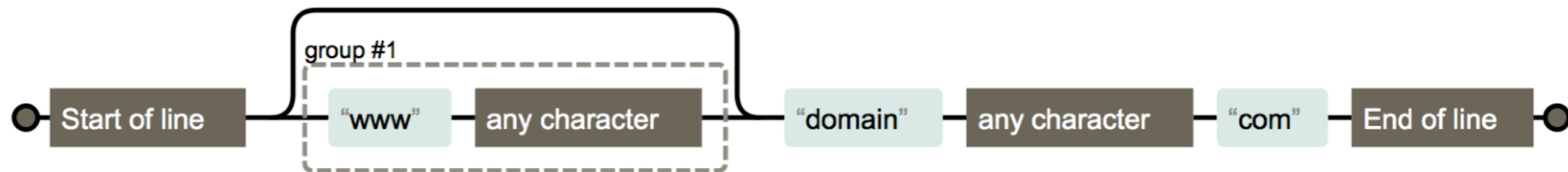
I tried using:

```
RewriteEngine On
RewriteCond %{HTTP_HOST} ^(www.)?domain.com$
RewriteRule ^(/)? domain/www/[1]
```

### You found a regular expression.

Regular expressions are patterns written to match classes of strings. By altering the pattern, you can match different types of strings, like URLs or e-mail addresses.

You can get a feeling for what this expression matches by reading the diagram from left to right:



The pattern `^(www.)?domain.com$` matches strings including:

`wwwpdomain=com`

`domain|com`

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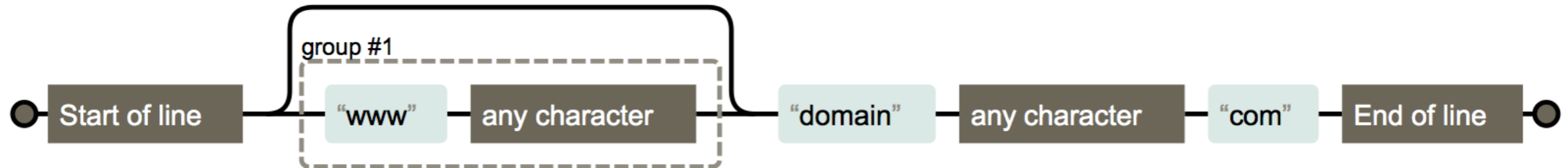
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# An Example of Synthesizing Help

```
div#summ a[href^=/video]
```

this selector chooses links  
with URLs starting with "/video" from  
a container with ID "summ"



`div#summ a[href^=/video]`

1. Generate plaintext description of element

**div**

containers

**a**

links

`div#summ a[href^=/video]`

2. Generate modifiers to describe IDs, attributes, etc.

`a`  
links

`[href^=/video]`  
URLs starting with `"/video"`

`div`  
containers

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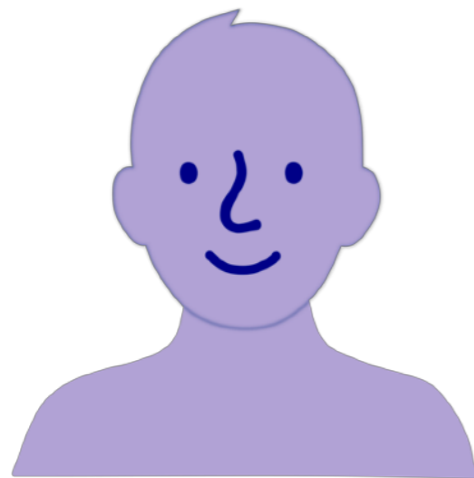
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}
form.cmxform legend {
  padding: 0 2px;
  font-weight: bold;
}
form.cmxform label {
  display: inline-block;
  line-height: 1.8;
  vertical-align: top;
}
```

```
Try this code: $('my-par').text("");
```

The CSS selector

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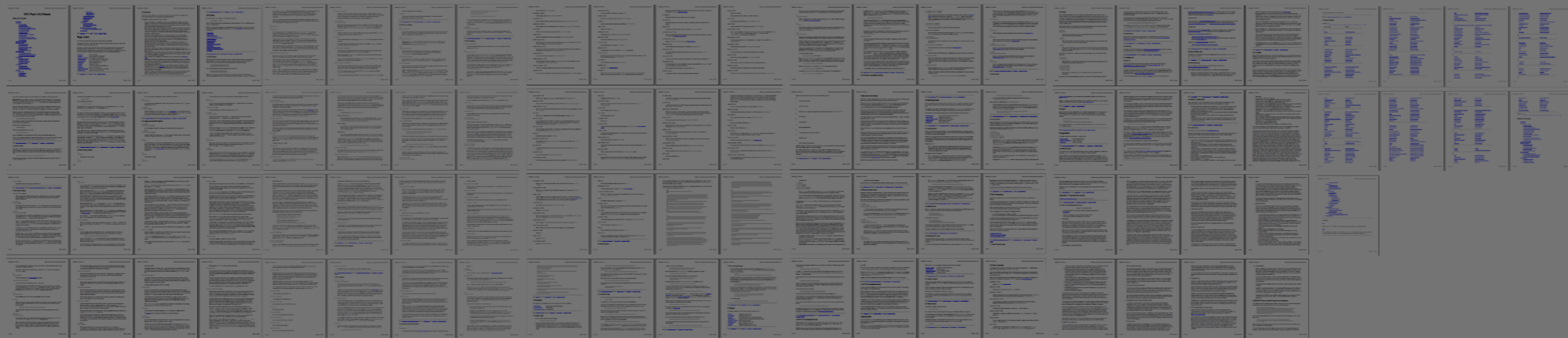
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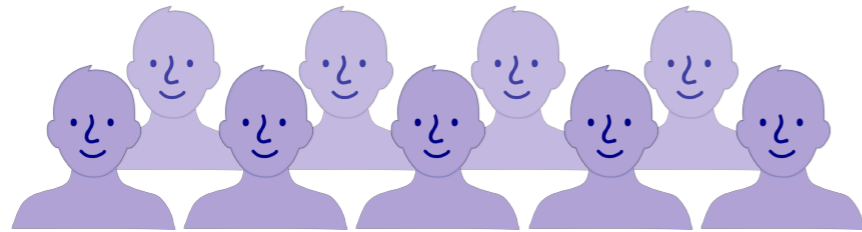
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- `--tries (-t)`: set number of retries to 1 (0 unlimits).
- `--no-directories (-nd)`: don't create directories.
- `--timestamping (-N)`: don't re-retrieve files unless newer than local.

# How Useful Are These Explanations?

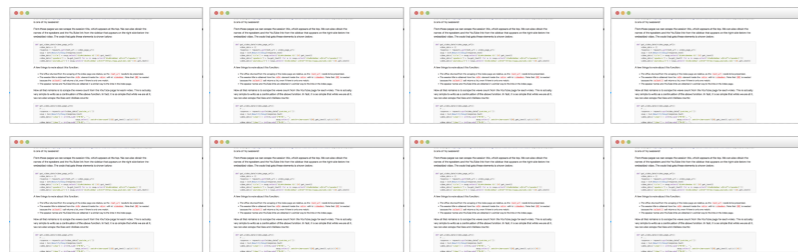
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```



# Experimental Setup



9 programmers



8 wget / CSS  
modification tasks

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It uses these options:

- `--continue (-c)`: resume getting a partially-downloaded file.
- `--background (-b)`: go to background after startup.
- `--output-file (-o)`: log messages to `/tmp/download.log`.
- `--input-file (-i)`: download URLs found in local or external `/tmp/download.txt`.
- `--quota (-Q)`: set retrieval quota to 100m.

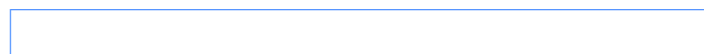
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Controlled access  
to Tutorons



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Read the snippet below to find code you can modify to do the task. Small fragments of these snippets can be used to do your task. Ask the proctor if you should view accelerators. Afterwards, you can use any other strategies or information you want.

▲ Use:

357 `$(".myCheckbox").attr('checked', true); // Deprecated`  
`$("#myCheckbox").prop('checked', true);`

**You found a CSS selector.**  
The selector `'.myCheckbox'` chooses elements of class `'myCheckbox'`.  
*If you haven't seen them before*, selectors pick sections of HTML pages by their names or properties. Once you've 'grabbed' elements with a selector, you can manipulate them, like changing their appearance or text.  
Here's an example of what this selector will find:

```
<div class="myCheckbox">
</div>
```

answered Jan 8 '09 at 22:25  
 [bchhun](#)  
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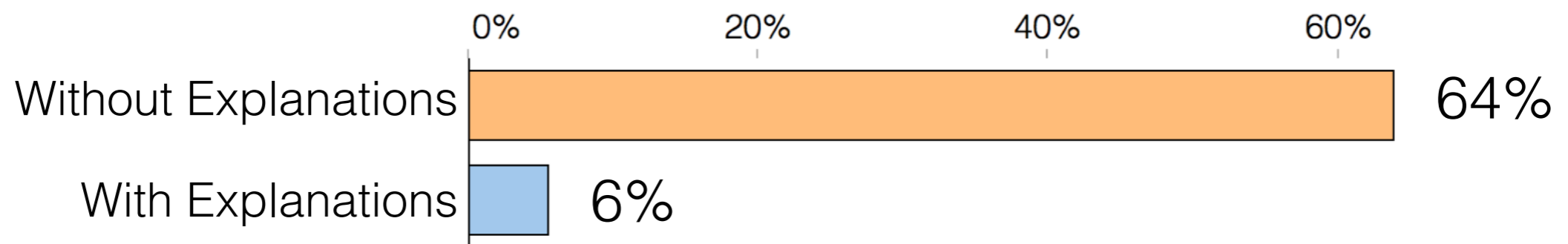
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...ct all / select none checkbox that needs

to check and uncheck all as well as check their state. Instead, I tried @Christopher Harris' answer and that did the trick. â€” [JD Smith](#) Mar 28 '13 at 1:26

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<<<< (You can see the snippet's origin here) >>>>

Percentage of tasks where participants accessed external documentation



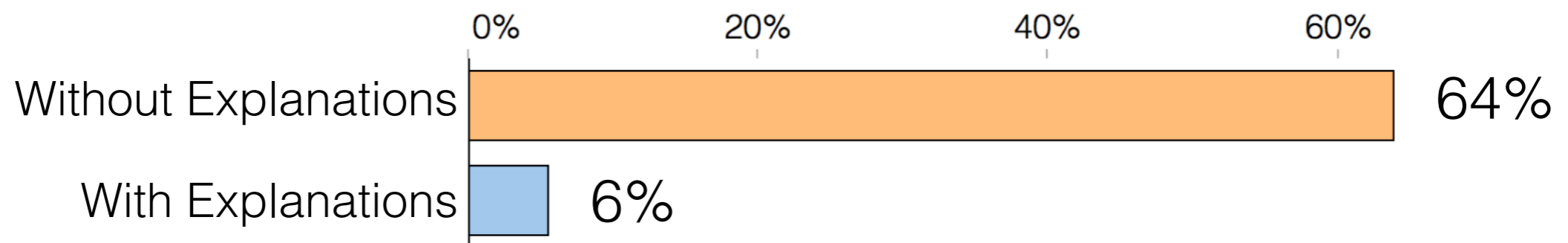
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# Limitations

- Small number of participants ( $n = 9$ )
- Tasks were designed such that the Tutorons would function properly
- Participants may have been more patient with explanation content than if they were on their own

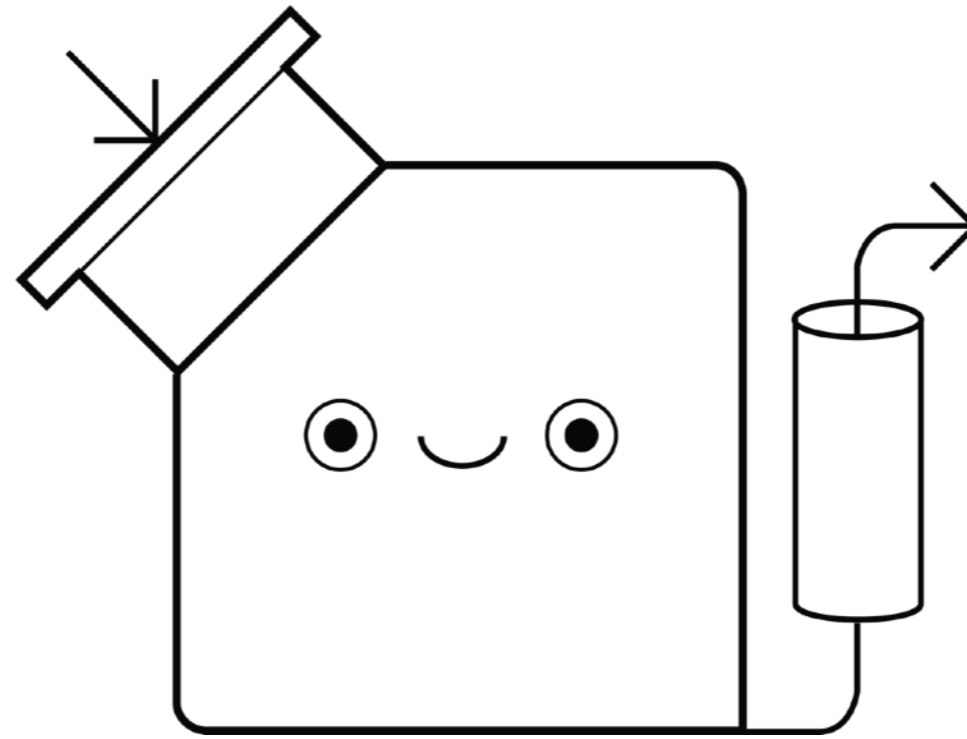
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# This Talk

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# Detecting Code Snippets

## HTML

```
<pre class="brush: jscript; title: ; notranslate" title="">
var AppRouter = Backbone.Router.extend({
  routes: {
    '': 'home',
    'page1': 'page1',
    'page2': 'page2',
  },
  home: function () {
    this.changePage(new HomeView());
  },
  page1: function () {
    this.changePage(new Page1View());
  },
  page2: function () {
    this.changePage(new Page2View());
  },
  changePage: function (page) {
    $(page.el).attr('data-role', 'page');
    page.render();
    $('body').append(page.el);
    $.mobile.changePage(page.el, {changeHash:false});
  }
});
</pre>
```

## HTML Nodes

```
<pre class="brush: jscript; title: ; notranslate" title="">
$(document).bind('mobileinit', function () {
  $.mobile.ajaxEnabled = false;
  $.mobile.linkBindingEnabled = false;
  $.mobile.hashListeningEnabled = false;
  $.mobile.pushStateEnabled = false;
});
</pre>
```

```
<pre class="brush: jscript; title: ; notranslate" title="">
$('div[data-role="page"]').live('pagehide', function
(event, ui) {
  $(event.currentTarget).remove();
});
</pre>
```

## Code Regions

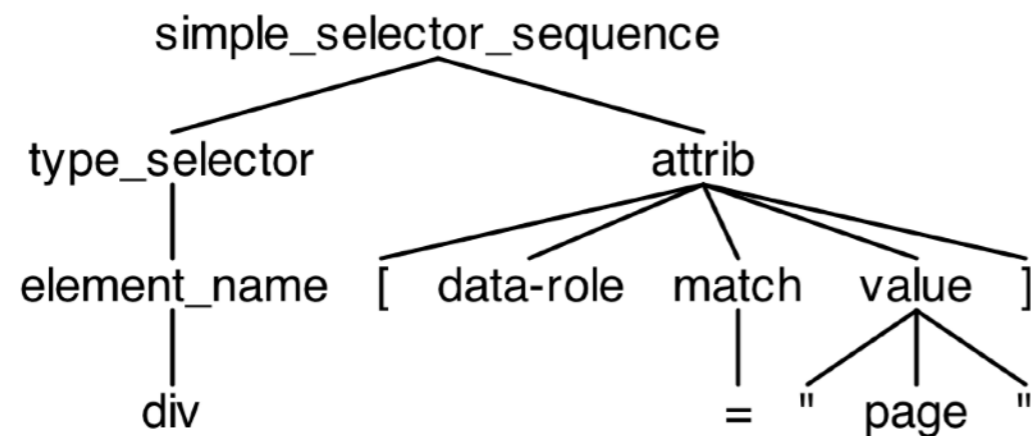
mobileinit  
page2  
body

## Filtered

body

# Parsing Code Examples

## Parse Structures



CSS Selectors

Table of arguments

Short name	Long name	Value
r	recursive	(null)
l	level	2
...	...	...

wget

# Generating Explanations and Examples

```
div#summ a[href^=/video]
```

this selector chooses links  
with URLs starting with "/video" from  
a container with ID "summ"

# Counting to Discover Common Usage

```
wget --random-wait -r -p -nd -e robots=off  
A".pdf" -U mozilla  
http://math.stanford.edu/undergrad/
```

Recursively scrape web pages linked from  
<http://math.stanford.edu/undergrad/>  
of type ".pdf"



```
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-r	--cut-dirs	-r	--no-parent	-r	-nH	...
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Option 1	Option 2	Count
<code>-r</code>	<code>--no-parent</code>	3
<code>-r</code>	<code>--reject</code>	2
<code>-r</code>	<code>-nH</code>	1
...	...	

# Counting to Discover Common Usage

<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Option 2</b>	<b>Count</b>
-r	-A	28
--user	--password	23
-r	-l	22
...	...	...

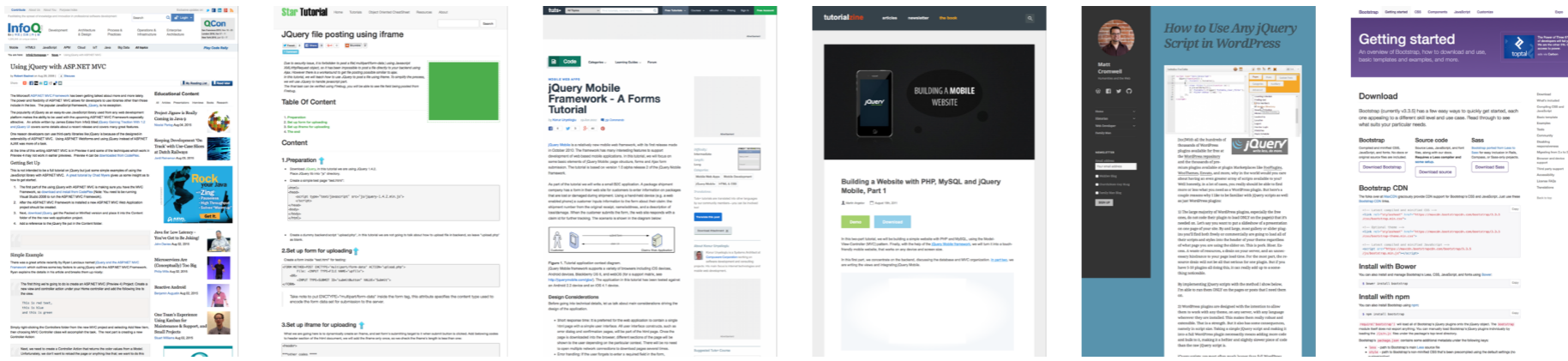
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# Testing Detection Quality



50 tutorials / language

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200-500 snippets / language

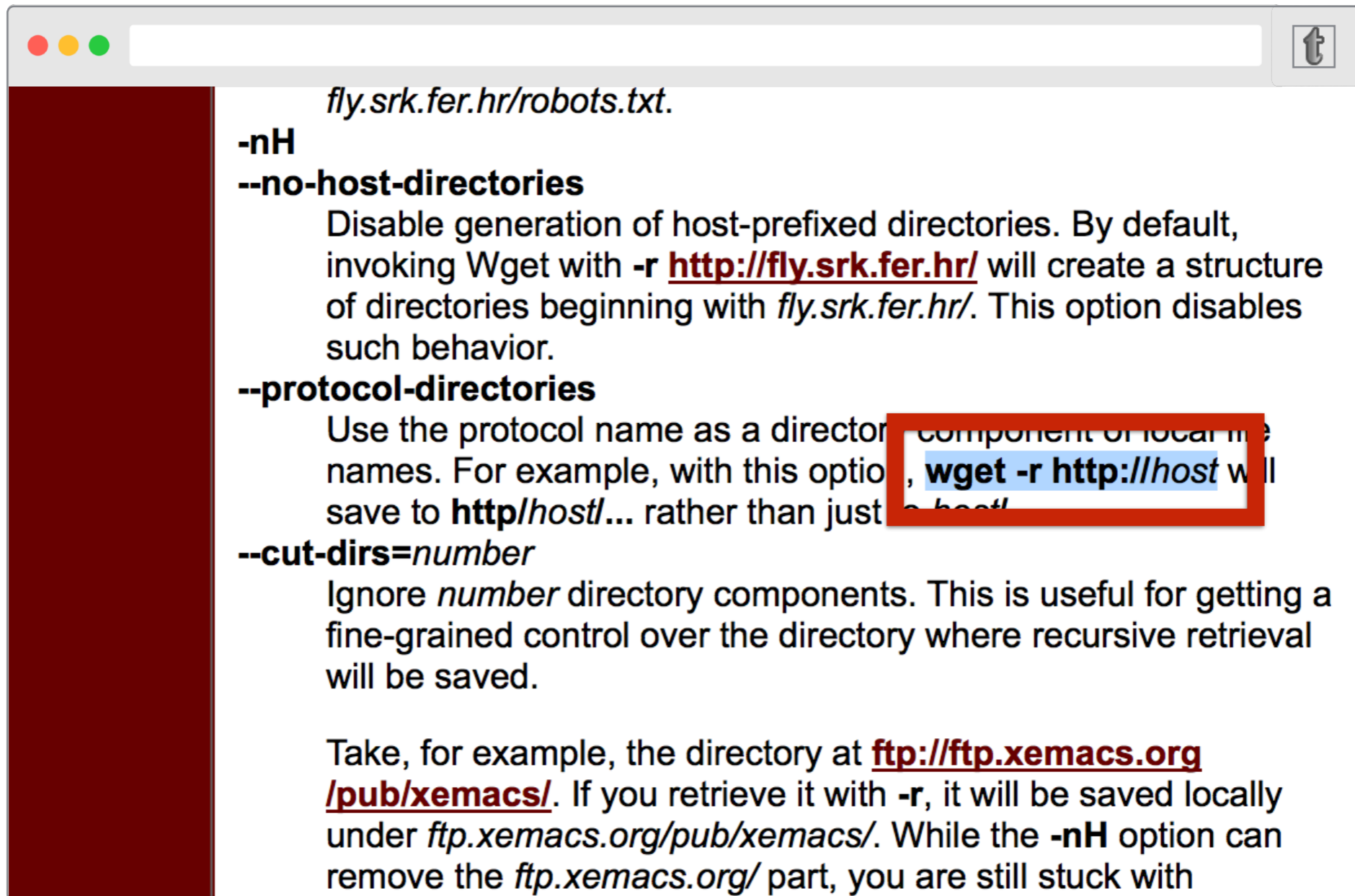
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It's Hard to Find Code Within Text

```
set string "0377.255.255.255"
if { [regex {^(\d+)\.(\d+)\.(\d+)\.(\d+)$}
  && [string is integer $a] && [scan $a %d
  && [string is integer $b] && [scan $b %d
  && [string is integer $c] && [scan $c %d
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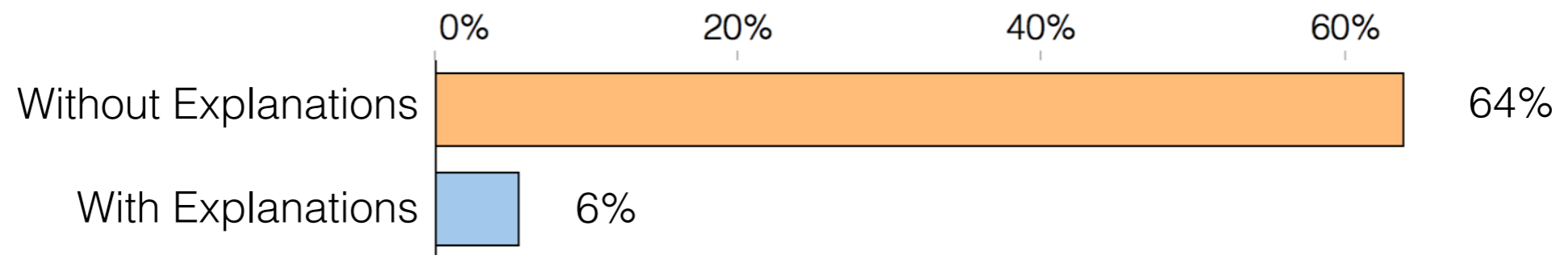
perl is the cleanest syntax, but if you don't have perl  
way to use gawk and components of a regex is to use

```
gawk '/abc[0-9]+xyz/' { print gensub(/.*([0-9]+).
```

output of the sample input file will be

Regular expressions must be found in many languages

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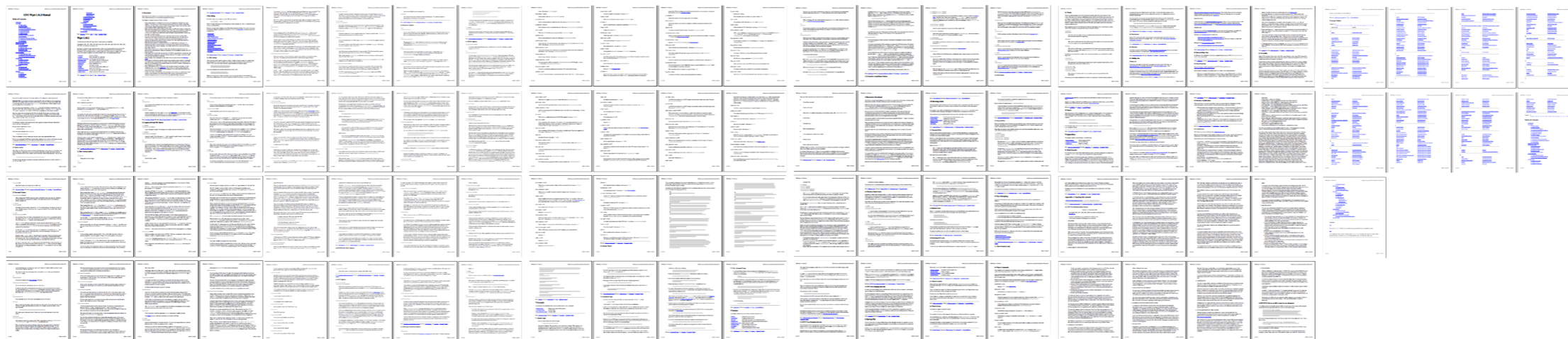
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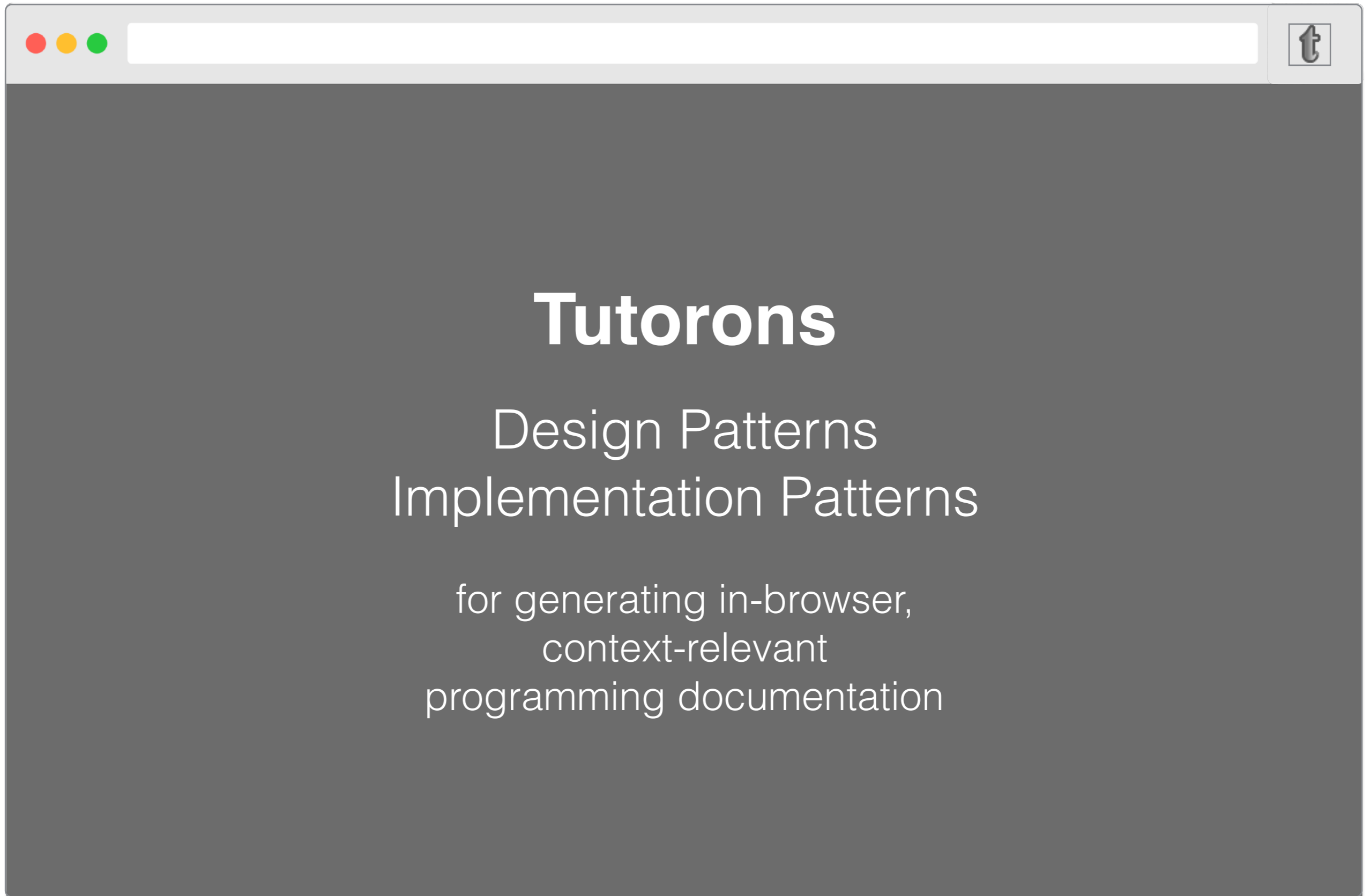
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# Tutorons

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var conclusion = /Thanks, (VL|HCC) 2015!/g;
```

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